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It is our understanding that the site in question has been mutually agreed upon by the two agencies and that the funds have already been appropriated to construct the joint-use facility.

Mr. Speaker, both the National Park Service and the National Archives and Records Administration testified in favor of this legislation, and we are unaware of any controversy and we support the legislation.

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Mr. SWEEENEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding me the time and for his support.

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I am proud to rise in support of H.R. 1104. The legislation I introduced to transfer administrative jurisdiction from the National Park Service to the National Archives for the construction of a visitor center at the Franklin R. Roosevelt National Historic Site.

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the Arizona Pioneers’ Home to expend monies for the beneficiaries by gaining authorization to invest $1,400,000 in the stock and bonds of the Special Loan Fund, and to invest some earnings to offset inflation. The Arizona Statehood and Enabling Act Amendments legislation will also make a much needed and essential change to the funding of the Arizona Pioneers’ Home. This state-operated facility has been dedicated to the long-term care of miners and homesteaders since 1911. Inadequate funds exist in the Miners’ Hospital Endowment Fund to build and operate a separate hospital for disabled miners. Disabled miners have been cared for at the Arizona Pioneers’ Home, but current law prohibits the commingling of funds associated with state trust lands. H.R. 747 would allow the Arizona Pioneers’ Home to expend monies from the Miners’ Hospital Endowment Fund to continue care for miners who meet the statutory admission requirements.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 747 is a bill that is supported by bipartisan interests in the State of Arizona and most importantly, the citizens of Arizona. I ask my colleagues for favorable consideration of this legislation.

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Mr. Speaker, Franklin D. Roosevelt, our Nation’s 32nd President, lived at his home in Hyde Park, New York, commonly referred to as
“Springwood,” for most of his young life.

While Governor of New York and as President, Mr. Roosevelt frequented Springwood often and entertained many dignitaries, including Winston Churchill and King George VI.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was involved in the planning and construction of the Presidential library at the site. The F.D.R. Library is the only Presidential library that was used by a sitting President for official duty.

F.D.R. was intent on preserving his papers and mementos for future generations to cherish and study. Included in his collection are 44,000 books, photographs, Roosevelt’s White House desk and chair, and his collection of naval prints, models, and many paintings.

The F.D.R. Library became the site of the broadcast of Mr. Roosevelt’s popular fireside chats, and President Roosevelt would regularly hold conferences with world leaders in his personal study.

This legislation enjoys widespread support of the National Park Service, the National Archives and Records Administration, the town of Hyde Park, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Historic Hudson, and the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

All of these organizations and communities have dedicated their time and expertise to ensure that this visitor center becomes a reality, and I thank them all for their support.

I look forward to seeing many Americans and all of those who would travel and venture to Hyde Park, New York, to seeing the visitor center finally become a reality at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Historic Site.

Mr. SAXTON. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

OLD JICARILLA ADMINISTRATIVE SITE

Mr. SAXTON. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 695) to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to convey an administrative site in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. OLD JICARILLA ADMINISTRATIVE SITE.

(a) conveyance of property—Not later than one year after the date of completion of the survey referred to in subsection (b), the Secretary of the Interior shall convey to San Juan College, in Farmington, New Mexico, subject to the terms, conditions, and reservations under subsection (c), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property (including any improvements on the land) not to exceed 20 acres known as the “Old Jicarilla Site” located in San Juan County, New Mexico (T29N R5W Secs. 21 and 30).

(b) description of property—The exact acreage and legal description of the real property conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the President of San Juan College. The cost of the survey shall be borne by San Juan College.

(c) terms, conditions, and reservations—(1) notwithstanding exceptions of application of the Recreational and Public Purposes Act (43 U.S.C. 869(c)), consideration for the conveyance described in subsection (a) shall be—

(A) an amount that is consistent with the Bureau of Land Management special pricing program for Governmental entities under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act; and

(B) an agreement between the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture and San Juan College indemnifying the Government of the United States from any liability of the Government that arises from the property.

(2) the lands conveyed by this Act shall be used for educational and recreational purposes. If such lands cease to be used for such purposes, at the option of the United States, such lands will revert to the United States.

(3) the Secretary of Agriculture shall identify any reservations of rights-of-way for ingress, egress, and utilities as the Secretary deems appropriate.

(4) the conveyance described in subsection (a) shall be subject to valid existing rights.

(d) land withdrawals—Public Land Order 3443, only insofar as it pertains to lands described in subsections (a) and (b), shall be revoked simultaneous with the conveyance of the property under this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 695, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SAXTON. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 2654, H.R. 1104, and H.R. 747, the bills just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PAYMENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1999

Mr. HORN. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1219) to amend the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act and the